

Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

- 1- **Call to order:** First Selectman Chris Spaulding called the meeting to order a 7:30pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Superintendent Bill McKersie, Board of Education Chairman Anthony Pesco, Director of Finance and Operations Phil Cross and Weston Residents.
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Tony Pesco led in the Pledge.
- 3- **Board of Selectmen reviews Board of Education (BOE) FY 2020/21 budget request:** BOE Chairman Pesco presented the BOE budget, explaining a 5.5% increase would not be sustainable, so a 2.89% increase is proposed. Superintendent McKersie spoke about a 4 year strategic plan including reductions, analyzing class size and student/teacher ratios.

First Selectman Spaulding asked about the following -

Insurance: Mr. Cross discussed possible options, including First Selectman's Spaulding suggestion of trying to join the Town's Health Insurance arrangement.

Internal Services Fund - Mr. Cross said it is used to cover dental claims and possibly medical.

Open Sourcing – First Selectman Spaulding asked Dr. Craig Tunks to investigate savings that would be generated by utilizing free Open Education Resources (OER). Dr. Tunks said he will do so.

Double English block. Assistant Superintendent Ken Craw and Weston Middle School Principal Dan Doak provided reasons for keeping the double block.

Curriculum Instructional Leaders – Weston High School Principal, Lisa Wolak, explained what the CIL's do and what their goals are. She said the CIL's play a big part in professional development.

First Selectman Spaulding stated we should all continue looking into ways to regionalize. Mr. Luiz added he would like to see the budget system become more of a year round process.

Selectwoman Nestor asked why SPED tuition decreased and transportation costs increased. Mr. Cross cited contract increases.

Mr. Luiz requested that proposed capital projects be reviewed by the Building Committee. First Selectman Spaulding said Middle School projects should be delayed until a facility study is done.

First Selectman Spaulding requested to continue this conversation at the next BOS meeting on February 20th but he appreciated the work done so far.

- 4- **Adjournment** : Meeting adjourned at 9:54pm.